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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: POLICEMAN MURDERED IN ZAGREB

REF: ZAGREB 425 (NOTAL)

1. THIS MORNING'S LOCAL PRESS, JUNE 2, CARRIED A SHORT NEWS
ITEM REPORTING THE MURDER OF A POLICEMAN AND APPEALING FOR
THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING THE MURDER. THE POLICE-
MAN, IDENTIFIED AS DRAGAN BEKO, WAS KILLED IN ZAGREB BETWEEN
2300 MONDAY NIGHT AND 0030 TUESDAY MORNING NEAR THE CROATIAN
REPUBLIC HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. A WELL-CONNECTED AND USUALLY WELL-INFORMED LAWYER FIRST
TOLD US ABOUT THE MURDER OF THE POLICEMAN LAST NIGHT, JUNE 1.
HE CLAIMED THAT THE POLICEMAN WAS A GUARD AT CROATIAN INTERNAL
AFFAIRS HEADQUARTERS AND THAT HE WAS SLASHED TO DEATH IN A
PARTICULAR MANNER REMINISCENT OF THE USTASHI. ACCORDING TO THE
LAWYER, THE YUGOSLAV SECURITY AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
THE POSSIBLE INFILTRATION FROM ABROAD OF MEMBERS OF USTASHI
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GROUPS WHICH MAY HAVE IN MIND CAUSING DISRUPTIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA
COINCIDING WITH THE BELGRADE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE
BEGINNING JUNE 15.

3. OF POSSIBLE TANGENTIAL RELEVANCE AND AS ANTICIPATED IN
REFTEL, WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THE PAST THREE DAYS FOUR ADDI-
TIONAL LETTERS FROM CROATIAN EMIGRE GROUPS. THE LETTERS,

TYPED IN ENGLISH, COME FROM: A) CROATIAN PEASANT PARTY--
WINDSOR BR. 6 DR. VLATKO MACEK, 2520 SEMINOLE ST., WINDSOR,
ONTARIO N8Y 1X4 CANADA; B) CROATIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION--
BRACA RADICI, P.O. BOX 74, BLACKTOWN, N.S.W. 2148, AUSTRALIA;
C) CROATIAN CULTURAL AND WELFARE ASSOCIATION--STJEPAN RADIC,
P.O. BOX 211 CITY, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA; AND D) CROATIAN CULTURAL
AND WELFARE ASSOCIATION--DR. VLADKO MACEK, 1 PECKVILLE ST.,
CLIFTEN HILL VIC. 3068, AUSTRALIA.

4. IN GENERAL, THESE LETTERS PROTEST THE HOLDING IN BELGRADE
OF THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE AND THE SUPPRESSION OF FREE-
DOM IN CROATIA. THEY APPEAL FOR A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC CROATIA.
(WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF THE ABOVE CORRESPONDENCE TO EUR/EE.)

5. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT LOCAL SECURITY MEASURES TO
PROTECT AGAINST UNWANTED VISITORS TO YUGOSLAVIA ARE BEING
STEPPED UP, AND WE ASSUME THAT INTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES ARE
BEING TAKEN LOCALLY IN LIGHT OF THE MURDER OF THE POLICEMAN.
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